

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Figure 6 is a top perspective view of the ~~raps~~ rasp assembly shown in Figure 5;

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

[0059] Although not required, in one embodiment as mentioned above tunnel 90 is used in the resection of tibia 12 for preparing tibia 12 to receive a condylar implant. The resection of tibia 12 can be accomplished using a number of different procedures. For example, [[as]] depicted in Figure 5[[,]] is one embodiment of a rasp assembly 100 [[is]] used in association with a retention rod 102 to facilitate resection of tibia 12.

Please replace paragraph [0068] with the following amended paragraph:

[0068] During operation, as depicted in Figure 5, rasp assembly 100 is mounted on medial facet 24 of tibia 12. Rasp assembly 100 is positioned using the rigidly mounted insertion handle 160, as discussed above, such that forks 132A and B (Figure 7) are aligned with the distal end of tunnel 90. Once rasp assembly 100 is positioned, retention rod 102 is ~~advancee~~ advanced within tunnel 90 from proximal end 94. As depicted in Figure 9A, knob 192 is rotated so that hook 188 extends beyond set rod 172. With hook 188 freely exposed, hook 188 is hooked over pin 134 extending between forks 132A and B.

Please replace paragraph [0070] with the following amended paragraph:

[0070] Once retention rod 102 is secured to rasp assembly 100, insertion handle 160 is removed from pivot arm 105. A reciprocal driver, such as a reciprocal saw, not shown, is then connected to pivot arm 105. While holding rasp guide 106 substantially stationary by holding onto retention rod 102, the reciprocal driver rapidly reciprocates rasp body 104 so that cutting edges 120 resect medial facet 24 of tibia 12. In one embodiment, rasp body 104 reciprocates along a length in a range between about 1 mm to about 4 mm. Other dimensions can also be used.

Please replace paragraph [0071] with the following amended paragraph:

[0071] In one embodiment bottom surface 112 of rasp body 104 is slightly arched. By having pivot arm 105 hingedly attached to rasp body 104, rasp body 104 is free to reciprocate along the arched path. The hinged attachment also helps to minimize binding of rasp body 104. In alternative embodiments, arm 105 can be rigidly attached to rasp body 104.

Please replace paragraph [0079] with the following amended paragraph:

[0079] Cutting template 200 is used in association with retention rod 102 as previously discussed. In the embodiment depicted, handle 180 has a different configuration. During use, cutting template 200 is position positioned over lateral facet 22. Distal end 178 of set rod 172 is advanced through tunnel 90 so that hook 188 of hook rod 182 projects out of set rod 172. Hook 188 is passed though a guide space 208 and then pulled back onto top surface 204 of plate 202. A rib 212 upwardly projects from plate 202 adjacent to guide space 208. Hook 188 is hooked over rib 212 so as to improve the engagement between hook 188 and cutting template 200.